Cisalpine Celtic Literacy

International symposium, Maynooth University, 23th–24th June 2022

Call for papers

The research project *Cisalpine Celtic Language and Literacy* (Austrian Academy of Sciences), in collaboration with *Lexicon Leponticum* and Maynooth University, is happy to announce an international symposium on *Cisalpine Celtic Literacy*, to be held on the 23th–24th of June 2022 at the University of Maynooth, Ireland.

The symposium aims to bring together researchers from different disciplines and scholarly traditions to foster collaboration and exchange of ideas on the study of Cisalpine Celtic, the fragmentary remains of Celtic languages in the Alpine region and Padan plain of the Iron Age. As indicated by the title, the symposium's focus lies on aspects of literacy. The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Joseph F. Eska (Polytechnic Institute and State University Virginia).

We invite abstracts on all topics concerned with Cisalpine Celtic, especially such as are focused on issues of alphabet history, palaeography, orthography, epigraphy, the reading of individual inscriptions, and sociohistorical aspects of literacy. We especially welcome topics which examine aspects of the Lepontic alphabet and the Cisalpine Celtic writing culture in their script-historical context, with consideration of possible interference and exchange with the neighbouring writing cultures of Northern Italy. The symposium encourages an interdisciplinary approach which includes the perspectives of various pertinent fields, including, but not limited to linguistics, comparative grammatology, archaeology, and sociohistorical studies.

The symposium will be held in hybrid mode, with live keynote address, speakers and audience at Maynooth (if possible and following any government guidelines at that time) as well as online speakers and audience on Zoom. The choice of their mode of attendance will be open to all participants. Attendance will be free (but note that travel expenses cannot be covered). Presentations will be 20 minutes long, followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion. The publication of proceedings is planned in the Maynooth Studies in Celtic Linguistics series.

If you would like to present at the symposium, please email an abstract of no more than 300 words (excluding references) and a short bio, with a non-binding indication of whether you would attend online or in person, to corinna.salomon@univie.ac.at by the 31st of March 2022.

Visit the symposium's website for details and updates:
https://www.univie.ac.at/lexlep/wiki/Symposium_2022

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